DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for a bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Looney Creek. A TMDL for the Looney Creek 2.48 miles in length bacteria impairment was approved by EPA in June 2004. Looney Creek is located in Botetourt County.

Section . 62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an IP for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits and environmental impacts.

The second and final public meeting on the development of the IP for the Looney Creek bacteria TMDL will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Buchanan Elementary School, 255 School House Road, Buchanan, VA.

The public comment period will end on December 28, 2007. A fact sheet on the development of the IP is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Charlie Lunsford. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Mr. Charlie Lunsford, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 203 Governor Street, Virginia, 23219, telephone (804) 786-3199, Fax (804) 786-1798, or e-mail charles.lunsford@dcr.virginia.gov.